

Name of Child: _____ Date: _____

Home Care after Biopsy

Your child has had a skin biopsy. Here is how to care for the site:

For the next 24 hours, leave the bandage on. Keep the site clean and dry.

24 hours after the time the biopsy was taken:

1. Take off the bandage and throw it out.
2. Gently clean the area with soap and water.
3. Pat it dry. Do not rub.
4. Put petroleum jelly (such as Vaseline) on the site. Do not use an antibiotic ointment (such as Neosporin or Polysporin).
5. Cover the site with a Band-aid.

Repeat this bandage change every day until you see the doctor again.



Call the doctor at 602-546-0895 right away if:

- Pain increases
- Redness spreads from the site
- Thick yellow fluid comes from the site

If the office is closed, call 602-546-1000 and ask for the dermatologist on call.

The doctor's office will call you with the results of the biopsy within 10 to 14 days. If you do not hear from us within two weeks, call 602-546-0895 for the test results.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office at 602-546-0895.

Now that you've read this:

- Tell your nurse or doctor how you will care for the biopsy site at home. (Check when done.)
- Tell your nurse or doctor signs that you need to call the doctor. (Check when done.)



If you have any questions or concerns
call 602-546-0895

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Procedure/Treatment/Home Care

Este folleto se encuentra traducido al español.
Solicítelo al enfermero o médico.

Name of Health Care Provider: _____ Number: 1129
For office use: Date returned: _____ db nb

Family Review of Handout

Health care providers: Please teach families with this handout.

Families: Please let us know what you think of this handout.

Would you say this handout is hard to read? Yes No

easy to read? Yes No

Please circle the parts of the handout that were hard to understand.

Would you say this handout is interesting to read? Yes No

Why or why not?

Would you do anything differently after reading
this handout? Yes No

If yes, what?

After reading this handout, do you have any
questions about the subject? Yes No

If yes, what?

Is there anything you don't like about the drawings?

Yes

No

If yes, what?

What changes would you make in this handout to make it better or easier to understand?

Please return your review of this handout to your nurse or doctor or send it to the address below.

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